

(4) In claim 32, after the phrase "a method ^{for} of preparing ^{a compound according to} ~~the compounds of~~",
please delete "claim 1" and insert therefor ---claim 13---.

yes
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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The compounds of formula I (claim 13) are free of the art. The closest art found was Ferrari et al. (US Patent 6,015, 812, already of record) and Barth et al. (US 2004/0063725 A1). In Barth et al., N-(phenylsulphonyl)glycyl-glycine compounds are taught which differ from applicant's formula I in that interruption of alkylene of group Y with a nitrogen rather than an oxygen. Therefore, the instantly claimed invention is novel and unobvious over the prior art of record.

Ferrari et al. teaches N-(arylsulphonyl)amino acid derivatives which different in structure from applicant in that presence of a extra phenyl group, extra chain CH₂s between the nitrogen and the substituted aromatic, and the addition of a CONR₄R₅ group which adds extra reactivity. Given the structural differences between Ferrari et al. and applicant's formula I, the compounds in this application would not be obvious over those taught in Ferrari et al.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."